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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ando et al. (US 6,580,873 B2) in view of Lin et al. (US 6,574,417 B1).

Consider claims 1, 3, 8, and 10, Ando teaches a video data file integrating apparatus for integrating original un-integrated video data files and original un-integrated management information files associated therewith having a data format of an original un-integrated directory file structure recorded in a first recording medium, into a data format of a different directory file structure to be recorded in a second recording medium, said apparatus comprising: a conversion processor that converts said original un-integrated management information files and the original un-integrated video data files into an integrated management information file and an integrated video data file, respectively (Fig. 36. The user is able to change the format (arrangement) of the PGC), wherein said conversion processor converts the original un-integrated directory file structure corresponding to the first recording medium into reproduction

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control information, which is used in reproducing said integrated video data file (Fig. 36. The original PGC is equivalent to the original directory file structure, and the user-defined PGC is equivalent to the reproduction control information).

However, Ando does not explicitly teach in a data format of said integrated management information file so as to be recorded in the second medium in the integrated management information file.

Lin teaches in a data format of said integrated management information file so as to be recorded in the second medium in the integrated management information file (col. 10, lines 24-37). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to convert data in a data format of the integrated management information so as to be recorded in the second medium to make the data compatible with the desired format.

Consider claim 2, Ando and Lin teach a video data file integrating apparatus for integrating original un-integrated video data files and original un-integrated management information files associated therewith having data format of an original un-integrated directory file structure into a data format of a different directory file structure, said apparatus comprising: a first recording medium that records said original un-integrated video files and the original un-integrated management information files associated therewith (col. 10, lines 24-37 of Lin); a second recording medium that records an integrated video data file and an integrated management information file associated therewith (col. 10, lines 24-37); a first reading/writing unit that reads and writes the original un-integrated video files and the original un-integrated management

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information files from and to said first recording medium (Fig. 9 of Lin); a second reading/writing unit that reads and writes the integrated video file and the integrated management information file from and to said second recording medium (Fig. 9 of Lin); a conversion controller that controls conversion of the original un-integrated video data files and the original un-integrated management information files recorded in said first recording medium into an integrated data format used in said second recording medium and controls inverse conversion, thereof (Fig. 36 of Ando).

Consider claim 4, Ando teaches the video data file integrating method further comprising: converting at least one of file name information and directory name information of the video data files having the data format of the original un-integrated directory file structure into text information in the data format of the integrated management information file to be recorded (Fig. 30).

Consider claim 5, Ando teaches the video file integrating method, wherein the reproduction control information includes identification information for identifying the reproduction control information, and the method further comprising: changing the identification information when the original un-integrating directory file structure is converted into the reproduction control information in the data format of the integrated management information file (Fig. 30).

Consider claim 6, Ando teaches the video data file integrating method, wherein the identification information is text information provided to the reproduction control information (Fig. 30).

Consider claim 7, Ando teaches the video data file integrating method, wherein the identification information is flag information provided to the reproduction control information (Fig. 10).

Consider claims 9 and 11, Ando teaches the integrated video data file reproducing apparatus, wherein at least one of file name information and directory name information of the original video data files having the data format of the original un-integrated directory file structure is converted into text information in the data format of the integrated management information file and is recorded, and the recorded text information is reproduced (Fig. 30).

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAT CHIO whose telephone number is (571)272-9563. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Q. Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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